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Mrs. Frances E. Van Kirk

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Dear Mrs. Van Kirk:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 3 June concerning the war record of your husband, Gaylord Bacon Van Kirk.

The Central Intelligence Agency has no information on your husband's World War I service in intelligence since the Agency was not established until 26 July 1947 (National Security Act of 1947). I note that you have already been in touch with the Adjutant General, Department of the Army.

We regret that we are unable to assist you in this matter. However, your courtesy in writing to us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Assistant to the Director

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June 3, 1960

Mr. Allen Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

May I take this opportunity of appealing to you to establish the war record of my husband, Gaylord Bacon Van Kirk, who passed on July 6th of last year.

He served in the Intelligence during World War One but, unfortunately, I do not know what his rank was or the unit he was connected with. All of his papers were lost in storage.

I have contacted the Adjutant General, in Washington, and supplied fingerprints but they seem unable to track his record through the fingerprints furnished them.

I am desirous of establishing his war service record in order to make application for a widow's pension which I feel truly entitled to as my husband did service in Germany, England and, I believe, Italy.

I would very greatly appreciate any aid you can extend to me in this connection as I seem to be unable to work this out through the Veterans Administration.

Will you kindly put this request through the proper channels? Any help you can extend to me will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Frances C. Van Kirk